

# RAINIER ECHOES

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## Alumni Sponsor New Entrance

by Lindsey Reed



*Much needed update provides a safe and fresh new look*

Auburn Adventist Academy opened its doors into the 2017-2018 school year underneath a brand-new entrance. Not only does everyone at the Academy get to start this school year fresh, but, thanks to the Class of 1966, so does the Academy. With a fresh coat of paint, tall gables and new benches out front, many view the school's new entrance as "inviting and modern." Because of the graduating Class of 1966's donations towards the construction, the Academy now has a more appealing and up-to-date school entrance.

The main reasons behind the school's recent construction were possible hazards concerning the old structure. The front beam was rotten and cracked due to water damage, and a portion of the ceiling was rotten. Mr. Derek Brizendine, VP of Finance, explains the second reason behind the construction, "The gables were built in order to give the Academy a face, so that everyone can recognize that it is the front entrance."



*New benches have been placed on the outside of AAA's entrance, providing a place to sit and relax or hang out with friends*

The newly designed entrance took both aesthetic and function into consideration. For the new design, the brick walls from the old entrance were taken down. However, some of the bricks were preserved and have been incorporated into the bottom of the new entrance's pillars. Black metal benches have been conveniently placed outside of the entrance for students and visitors to enjoy. Future plans involve additional benches to be installed just inside the entryway that will provide additional seating for students to use while waiting for their rides after school. Many alumni have been involved in this project, including the class of 1966 with their donations, and Jensen Development Inc. for their labor.

Jensen Development Inc, the workers responsible for newly constructed entrance, are part of a family-owned business. Their work not only built an attractive gable, but also, according to Mrs. Suzette Maxwell, AAA's Administrative Assistant, "It made the entrance very inviting, fresh, and modern looking. It's a good representation of what the school stands for, regarding its inner and outer beauty." The next step will be to place the school's logo on the top of the gable, giving it a more refined look. The logo is estimated to be placed on the gable by the beginning of 2018, and is expected to be a simple circle with an "A" in the center. Mr. Peter Fackenthal, AAA's Principal, says that there will likely be words underneath the logo that welcome people to the Academy. Auburn Adventist Academy is blessed to have such generous alumni. We are all thankful for the donations from the Class of 1966.

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## Wednesday Wisdom

*"Freshmen don't know but they don't know they don't know."  
"Sophomores don't know but they know they don't know."  
"Juniors know but they don't know they know."  
"Seniors know and they know that they know."  
- Mrs. Kissinger*

## The ASB Squib

by McKenna Butler

Welcome to The ASB Squib, the place where you'll find ASB's announcements in the Rainier Echoes every publication.

### All-Year Points System

As Lauren and I announced during Getting to Know You, ASB has already started the All Year Point Competition. In this competition, each class will compete at each major school event until the end of the year to earn the most points. There may be additions to this list, and be sure to let ASB know if you have any ideas for us to consider, but these are the events that currently will add to your class's score are:

- Getting to Know You
- Fundraisers
- J2B Participation
- Spirit Week
- Swim meet
- Talent Show Participation

### All Year Point Competition Standings

1. Seniors
2. Juniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshmen

### Costume Party

The 2017 ASB Costume Party will be on October 14th, at 7:00 in the gym. This year's theme is Heroes so make sure to get your costume together over home leave. There will be games to prove your hero prowess, candy given out, and the annual costume competition. In addition, the winners will be awarded cash prizes for the costume competition in the categories of Best Dressed, Most Creative, Best Personification of your character, and a group prize for Best Group.

# Past Student of Auburn Returns as a Teacher

by Carson Fletcher



Auburn Alum Matthew Sandvik smiles in front of the whiteboard in his new classroom

Matthew Sandvik, a new member of the Auburn Adventist Academy staff, has already won the favor of the students as the teacher of Bible 9, 20th Century History, and Pre-Calculus. Mr. Sandvik came from Amazing Grace Academy in Alaska, however he is an alumnus of the Academy and has very fond memories of his time here. Our current principal, Mr. Peter Fackenthall, was a history teacher at the time that Mr. Sandvik was enrolled in the Academy. While attending the academy Mr. Sandvik was involved in Sylvan and loved to play flag football. When asked about the similarities between the Academy then and now, he had this to say, "When I was here there were lots of great staff, that is still the case now. The building has also not changed much, other than additions that have been made and new buildings." When asked about Mr. Sandvik's influence within the team of staff members, Mr. Joe Underhill said the following, "He is a very hard worker and we are happy to have him as a part of our team." Mr. Sandvik has already been growing relationships with the students and has molded perfectly into the Academy's atmosphere.

## Some of his favorite things:

- Candy: Milky Way
- Movie: *The Dream Team*
- Sport: Mountain Running
- Book: *The Man Who Couldn't Be Killed*
- Quote: "Say no to the good, say no to the better, so you can say yes to the best."
- Meal: Haystacks

# Matching

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• DESIGNED A DRESS FOR MISS TENNESSEE	• MRS. KISSINGER
• PLAYED 3RD BASE IN SOFTBALL	• SAMPSEL
• LEGS ARE NOT THE SAME LENGTH	• FACKENTHALL
• LOVES TIES	• MRS. WILLIAMS
• WEDDING COLORS WERE HOT PINK AND ORANGE	• MR. SANDVIK
• USED TO WORK AT RED ROBIN	• PASTOR JEN
• DID A BELLY FLOP OFF A 20 FOOT TREE	• MR. RUSSELL
• CHOPPED A TOE OFF WITH LAWN MOWER	• ZUZANA RACHAL
• "ACCIDENTALLY" BROKE GIRL'S FINGER FOR FLIRTING WITH HER BOYFRIEND	• MRS. KOBBERSTAD

# Meet Me Where? Meet Me Why?

by Arien L. Cabanilla

Music. Everyone has different tastes, but if you are into Broadway, there is a good chance that you will be excited for the stage production of *Meet Me In St. Louis*, on the eleventh and twelfth of November.

*Meet Me In St. Louis* has been a long-time classic among the collection of Broadway musicals. Based on the 1944 MGM motion picture of the same name, it tells the tale of a family and their antics in anticipation for the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Along the way are classic songs such as, *Skip to My Lou*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, and the title song, *Meet Me In St. Louis*, all of which and more are sure to be stuck in people's minds long after the performance is over.

Melia Williams, Auburn's choral director and the one in charge of the play, is especially looking forward to the performance. "[*Meet Me In St. Louis*] is a wonderful piece of American history, a funny story about a family trying to work together." Her plan is to take Sylvan, Auburn's select choir, to Hawaii for this year's long tour, which means there will be a hefty amount of money to raise. Proceeds from concessions goes toward covering costs for the trip, so every little bit helps!

Those participating in the musical are enjoying being a part of it, also. Heidi Kissinger, Mrs. Williams' directorial assistant, says, "I hope it will be one of the greatest musicals Auburn has ever done." Shannon Miller, one of the male leads, says, "I am excited because it really embraces an old and cheesy kind of drama."

I don't know where you'll be this November, but you can meet me in St. Louis!



Here we meet some of the cast, hard at work acting natural

# Auburn Sports Kickoff!

by Derek Slavens

Auburn Adventist Academy's fall sports are officially underway. This year's fall sports include cross country, men's soccer, and women's volleyball. A new sport coming in this year is women's varsity soccer! To get to know each other, each team spent a night together to promote team bonding. Having many new faces on the teams, this night was key in growing and having team chemistry on the court, field, or track. The Auburn Falcons have already begun the season in each sport. Cross country had a meet on September 13 and represented Auburn very well. The women's volleyball team's record holds at 0-3 after having played Evergreen Lutheran, Quilcene, and Crosspoint. The men's soccer team has played two games, beating Tacoma Baptist 7-0 in the season opener but falling to the Mount Rainier Hawks 4-0 in their second game. And last but not least, the new women's soccer team has been busy this year, with their first game against Evergreen Lutheran, losing 2-0. It is not easy to be a student or athlete, and it's especially hard to be able to perform for your team while keeping a good grade report. Auburn is very proud of each student athlete representing the school, but even more importantly, representing Christ. Go Falcons!



Auburn Adventist Academy's 2017-2018 women's volleyball team



Auburn's first-ever women's soccer team preparing to take on their opponent

# Fall Week of Prayer

by Madi Ellis

The campus ministries team plans one of its annual Weeks of Prayer in the fall to get the school off to a good start. Auburn Adventist Academy, as a school, gets the opportunity to come together everyday for a week to worship and connect spiritually. This year, Jonathan Henderson, the chaplain at PUC, shared with the school. When asked what led him to speak for Auburn's Week of Prayer, Pastor Henderson replied, "Pastor Jen. We worked together at PUC and so coming here was kind of for her. But now that I'm here, it's for the students."



Pastor Jonathan Henderson engaging students during a Week of Prayer chapel

This year the campus ministries theme is courage, hence the theme song, "Courageous." Pastor Henderson's topics went along well with the theme of courage. He showed how courage played a part in the story of Zacchaeus, such as through how Zacchaeus knew he was messed up but still let Jesus come into his house. He drew parallels from Zacchaeus' story that every member of the school could relate to on some level which were applicable to their lives and spiritual walks with God. "The way he presented Bible characters really made them come alive and seem relatable," said senior Sienna Hubin. Pastor Henderson was a very lively and engaging speaker.

Weeks of prayer have always had a positive impact on student life at the Academy. They cause everyone to stop and think about his or her spiritual lives and to see how God is working in and around them. They all learn new things about God together and grow closer to God as well as each other. On the Thursday of Week of Prayer, Pastor Henderson had a simple request of the student body. He asked for students to stand if they were willing to open their hearts to the idea of God coming in and dwelling with them. It was very impactful to watch so many students make a stand like that and start the school year by letting God into their lives.

# New Norm for the Girls Dorm

by Maria Hall

This year has brought a lot of new changes to Auburn Adventist Academy, for a lot of girls the most significant changes were in the girls dorm, Grace Hall. Along with a number of new teachers and a new principal in the ad building, Grace Hall has all new deans this year.

Head dean Carmen Slavens, is joined by assistant deans Rachel Rogers and Michel Pelletier, who all seem excited to get to know the residents of Grace Hall. When asked about the new deans, senior Trudy Nguyen said, "They are nice and had a warm welcome." The first couple of nights in the dorm were spent getting to know everyone a little better, through group activities and games during evening worships. Nelly Herrera, a junior resident of Grace Hall said, "They were good at getting everyone involved in the games." when asked how the first few nights went.

As far as dorm life goes not a whole lot has changed, the two biggest rule changes have to do with dean's list and study hall. Study hall has always been enforced for students that have either two D's or an F. This year things are a bit different, now there are two

categories; strict study hall, which is required for everyone not on dean's list and supervised study hall for anyone with two D's or an F. To get on dean's list this year you must get B's, along with having good attendance and a clean room. Despite new people and new rules, things are finally starting to settle down and everyone is getting into their own routine. With the help of the new deans, and all its residents, the girls dorm is shaping up to have a fantastic and fun filled school year.



Head Dean Carmen Slavens excited for the new school year

## Reviving the Café

by Mickey Demma

Zuzana Rachal, Auburn Adventist Academy's head chef, has high hopes of improvement for the cafeteria at Auburn Adventist Academy. She believes strongly in modernization and upkeep, saying, "We need the cafe to be fresh. We need to bring it to today's age." In order to maintain optimal appeal, decorations and furnishings in "the cafe" must be improved constantly, just as other parts of the school are updated and taken care of.

When you think about food, you probably don't automatically wonder what kind of atmosphere you'll be eating in. Yet the various scenery and colors present in a building meant for dining actually have a good chance of altering one's mealtime experience. The cafeteria at the Academy has been lacking visual appeal for many years, according to the opinions of both students and staff members. "The walls have these outdated decorations from like the 70's," says Mrs. Rachal. According to Mrs. Kingman, a senior assistant supervisor, no part of the cafe has experienced drastic changes besides the re-carpeting and tiling that occurred over a decade ago.

Mrs. Rachal does want to implement a few ideas as far as decorum, though, hopefully involving the art department so that students can display their work and add to the school in a personal way. Her main goals are installing nice wallpaper, repainting areas, and even making some large structural changes. She hopes to accomplish these things as soon as possible to heighten the customer's culinary experience.

Mrs. Rachal says, "When you don't take care of things... they will deteriorate. You have to keep things up. We want to represent AAA as a professional institution. We want the kids to enjoy where they are dining along with the ability to produce food in a modern atmosphere."

## Word Search



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P G S W F L L S D B W E U J W W E X S R E G K  
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KISSINGER

KOBBERSTAD  
RENFROE  
SAMPSEL  
SANDVIK  
SLAVENS

VILLAR  
WILLIAMS  
WOODY  
KLINGSTRAND  
UNDERHILL

To anyone who completes the activities in this newspaper: bring the completed paper to Mrs. Kobberstad during one of her free periods for a treat!

# The Beginning of the End

by Bradley Hammond

The annual senior retreat to Fort Flagler kicked off the beginning of the end for the Class of 2018. The seniors and their sponsors went to a beautiful stretch of land on the Olympic Peninsula near Port Townsend called Fort Flagler. This trip was an opportunity for the seniors to get to know each other better, have some fun, hold officer elections, and above all get closer to God.

The seniors drove up to the Fort after school on Friday. For vespers, the seniors gave personal testimonies around a campfire. It was a very open and honest time for the seniors to get to know each other better. Several people shared about their time at Auburn Adventist Academy, the good and the bad, and then it turned into a time for people to unload some deep personal struggles.



*Seniors living life on the edge*

The potential class officers led out in a nice church service on Sabbath morning. After lunch, the kazoo-off, a competition of who could best involve kazoos in skits or singing, took place. Officer elections, the biggest event of the trip, began after sundown. When asked if he was worried about the elections, Social Vice President Andrew Armstrong, said "I was confident that no matter who wins, we will have a fantastic leadership team." The seniors played a pitch black game of hide and seek in the bunkers after elections.

On Sunday morning, the seniors cleaned up and headed back. The trip was a fun experience for all, with even Spencer DeCamp, one of the seniors who had wondered if it was worth coming, saying "It was a lot better than I expected." The entire experience was very bonding and united the class for the coming year.



*Seniors played Hide-and-Go-Seek in the bunkers at night*

# New Year, New Staff

by Sienna Hubin

As we welcomed a new school year, Auburn welcomed a new staff for the school newspaper. For those who don't know, The Rainier Echoes was reintroduced by last year's Media Literacy class after being dormant for over a decade. We are excited to make the newspaper even better this year, and we will try our best to report important information back to you in a timely manner. Feel free to give us feedback about things you liked, disliked, or would like to see in the paper.



## **Sienna Hubin: head editor**

I know the lyrics to almost any Disney song.  
I've been to 11 countries.  
My favorite movie is Spider-Man: Homecoming.  
Madlyn and I are cousins, not sisters, but  
Landen is my little brother.  
I just learned to whistle over the summer.

## **Andrew Armstrong: head copy editor**

Mr. Sandvik is my uncle.  
I love sports.  
I have 6 siblings.  
I live in Concord.  
I like alternative music.

## **McKenna Butler: head layout editor**

I color coordinate all of my school supplies.  
I chose what I want to do as a career in this  
class last year.  
I like looking at the psychology behind things.  
I have lived in the same house my whole life.  
I am dating Andrew Armstrong.

## **Jed Coon: Photo editor and graphic designer**

I got shot in the eye from a BB gun and almost  
lost it.  
I am extremely dyslexic and OCD, but I am  
very creative.  
My favorite color is royal purple but I don't like  
any other purple.  
I'm Alaskan, so cold is my warm.

## **Mickey Demma: web editor and ASB staffer**

Cows are my favorite animals.  
I've been playing piano for 14 years.  
I've driven at 105 mph in a jaguar.  
I have 12 pairs of Vans.  
I want to live in New Zealand.

## **Lindsey Reed: associate editor**

I love going backpacking on Mt. Rainier.  
I travel a lot with my family.  
I love watching old movies and listening to old  
music on my record player.  
I'm an only child.  
My go to drink is chai tea.

## **Amber Pettey-Torres: copy associate and staffer**

I lived in Tanzania, Africa for 4 years as a mis-  
sionary.  
I skipped two grades.  
Mrs. Fackenthal sent me to the PFack's office  
three times freshman year for talking.  
I'm a clean freak.  
I was born orange because my mom drank too  
much carrot juice.

## **Maria Hall: copy associate and student life staffer**

I'm great at playing the kazoo.  
I don't know how to do long division.  
I know approximately every word to The Lion  
King.  
I collect unique playing cards.  
My favorite color is purple.

## **Madlyn Ellis: layout associate and staffer**

I used to hate pizza.  
I know every word to "Copacabana" by Barry  
Manilow.  
I've seen every James Bond movie.  
The only pet I've owned is a fish. Twice.  
I'm secretly good at impressions.

## **Bradley Hammond: photographer and staffer**

I love driving stick shift cars.

I like running.

I like outdoor stuff.  
My favorite soda is coke.  
I wear a hat almost everyday.

## **Arien Cabanilla: fine arts staffer**

I just recently learned how to ride a bicycle.  
I will be the only 4-year Sylvan member this  
year.  
I got my head stuck in an open back chair  
when I was 4 or 5.  
When I was in kindergarten, I wanted to be a  
diver.  
I have trouble remembering what 8+5 or 8+6  
equal.

## **Sophia Lorge: staffer**

Going sky diving is number one on my bucket  
list.

I love bike rides anywhere, anytime.  
I have lived in 3 different states.  
Organizing and cleaning is one way I relieve  
stress.  
Someday I want to travel the world with my  
future husband.

## **Derek Slavens: campus ministries staffer**

I was born in Texas.  
One of my favorite music genres is Reggae.  
Favorite animal is a squirrel.  
I like Mountain Biking.  
I've been to Budapest, Hungary.

## **Carson Fletcher: sports staffer**

Sheesh.  
I collect cassette tapes.  
I like fishing.  
I have multiple dads.  
Frank Sinatra is my spirit animal.